

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE ISSUED: May 4, 2011
ATTENTION: Natural Resources and Culture Committee
Agenda of May 18, 2011
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Utilities Department
SUBJECT: Approval of the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
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REQUESTED ACTION:

Approval of the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2010 UWMP so it can be forwarded to City Council for adoption. The deadline for the 2010 UWMP adoption is July 1, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department (Department) is required by the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Act), California Water Code Sections 10610 through 10657, to prepare and adopt an UWMP every five years, in years ending in five and zero. However, because of recent changes in UWMP requirements, State law (SBX7-7) extended the deadline for the 2010 Plans to July 1, 2011.

The UWMP Act directs water agencies in carrying out their long-term resource planning responsibilities to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future demands. Urban water suppliers are required to assess current demands and supplies over a 20-year planning horizon and consider various drought scenarios. The UWMP Act also requires water shortage contingency planning and drought response actions be included in an UWMP. The UWMP serves as the foundation document for Water Supply Assessments and Water Supply Verifications (SB 610/221), in addition to its use as a water resources planning tool to ensure a safe and adequate water supply for the planning horizon.

In addition, SBX7-7, also known as the Water Conservation Act of 2009, sets a goal of achieving a 20 percent statewide reduction in urban per capita water use by 2020. SBX7-7 directs urban retail water suppliers to set 2020 urban water use targets in accordance with technical methodologies and criteria developed by DWR and to report these targets in their 2010 UWMPs.

In preparation of the 2010 UWMP, the Department coordinated with SANDAG for demographic projections, the San Diego County Water Authority, and the local water agencies and cities to which the City sells untreated, potable or recycled water.

The City is required to adopt and submit to DWR an UWMP in order to be eligible for water management grants or loans administered by DWR, the State Water Resources Control Board or the Delta Stewardship Council (CWC 10631.5(a)). The City currently has over \$10 million in

executed grants and more than \$30 million in grants that may be delayed in the first quarter of FY 2012 if the 2010 UWMP is not adopted.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING

This agreement was subject to the City's Equal Opportunity Contracting (San Diego Ordinance No.18173, Section 22.2701 through 22.2702) and Non-Discrimination in Contracting Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Sections 22.3501 through 22.3517).

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION:

None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

As part of the adoption of the 2010 UWMP, the City has conducted presentations that provided an overview of the City's 2010 UWMP to the Public Utilities Department Independent Rates Oversight Committee's Environmental and Technical Committee on April 11, 2011 and to the Natural Resources and Culture Committee on April 20, 2011. The City also provided written notification to all of the City's within the County of San Diego of its intent to adopt a 2010 UWMP.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

As an initiative to meet DWR reporting requirements, City water rate payers are the primary stakeholders. In addition, City staff, regional water agencies and the water industry will use this plan as a water resources planning tool to understand the City's water planning and to ensure a safe and adequate water supply over a 20-year planning horizon.

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